

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS**  
**DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION (RCA)**

**DEPARTMENT:** Building Permits & Inspections

**AGENDA DATE:** February 15, 2005 Introduction; Public Hearing 03/01/05

**CONTACT PERSON/PHONE:** R. Alan Shubert, P.E.

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** N/A

**SUBJECT:**

**APPROVE** a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? **OR AUTHORIZE** the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

**An Ordinance amending Title 18 (Building and Construction) of the El Paso City Code, by revising Chapter 18.02 (Building and Construction Administrative Code), to eliminate the local electrical licensing requirement for persons, firms or corporations holding an electrical license issued by the state in accordance with Texas Occupations Code, Title 8, Chapter 1305**

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action?

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**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one? If so, when?

N/A

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

N/A

**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

Enter appropriate comments or N/A

N/A

\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**LEGAL:** (if required) \_\_\_\_\_ **FINANCE:** (if required) \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER:**

(Example: if RCA is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

*Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager*

**APPROVED FOR AGENDA:**

**CITY MANAGER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 18 (BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION) OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE, BY REVISING CHAPTER 18.02 (BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATIVE CODE), TO ELIMINATE THE LOCAL ELECTRICAL LICENSING REQUIREMENT FOR PERSONS, FIRMS OR CORPORATIONS HOLDING AN ELECTRICAL LICENSE ISSUED BY THE STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE, TITLE 8, CHAPTER 1305.**

**WHEREAS**, The State of Texas has adopted provisions for the licensing of electricians and electrical contractors as codified in Texas Occupations Code, Title 8, Chapter 1305; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of El Paso has historically required a city-issued electrical license to be obtained prior to installing, maintaining, altering, expanding or repairing electrical equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Building Permits and Inspections has been charged with the administration of city-issued electrical licenses and wishes to dispense with local licenses in light of the fact that the requirements for State-issued electrical licenses are stricter than the local standard; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Building Permits and Inspections recognizes that a municipality may continue to authorize electrical work to be conducted where the person, firm or corporation conducting the work does not hold a State-issued electrical license so long as a city-issued electrical license is held; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Building Permits and Inspections only wishes to continue to administer local electrical licenses to those individuals without a State electrical license for one (1) additional year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

1. That Title 18 (BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION), shall be and hereby is amended by revising Chapter 18.02 (Building and Construction Administrative Code), 18.02.108 (Licenses, Bonds and Insurance), 18.02.108.3 (Electrical Contractors), to read as follows:

**18.02.108.3.1 Licenses required.**

A. No person, firm, or corporation shall install, maintain, alter, expand or repair electrical equipment without being the holder of a proper license issued by the State of Texas in accordance with Texas Occupations Code, Title 8, Chapter 1305. If a State-issued electrical license is held, all requirements set forth in 18.02.108.3, *et. seq.* shall not apply. A city license may be issued by the Department of Building Permits and Inspections for any person, firm or corporation engaged in electrical work in the City of El Paso who does not hold a

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State electrical license; however, all city-issued electrical licenses shall expire without ability to renew on February 28, 2006. No person shall engage in electrical contracting or hold themselves out to be able to engage in electrical contracting without being the holder of a master electrician's license or the registered employer of a full time employee who is a master electrician. All electrical work shall be performed under the control, supervision, direction and responsibility of a master electrician.

2. Except As Amended Herein, Title 18 (Building And Construction), Chapter 18.02 (Building And Construction Administrative Code) Of The El Paso Municipal Code Shall Remain In Full Force And Effect.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 1<sup>ST</sup> day of March, 2005.

CITY OF EL PASO

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Joe Wardy  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen  
City Clerk


APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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Lisa A. Hayes  
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



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R. Alan Shubert, P.E., Director  
Building Permits & Inspections Department

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